



Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
ODC PUEBLO ROOM, 1ST FLOOR
500 S. GRAND CENTRAL PKWY
LAS VEGAS, NV

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

LEPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Steinbeck, Irene Navis, Scott Fuller, Wendy Pagan, Kevin Nicholson, Bill Richardson, Elaine Houser, Rachel Skidmore, Carlito Rayos, Mike Richardson, Richard Brenner, Michael Jacques, John Hines, Donnie Foster, Bill Knipper, Richel Burog, Felix Acevedo, Nancy Newell, Craig Nimsgren, Christa Kelly, Roy Michael, Carolyn Levering, Kim Ferguson,

LEPC ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Steve Kramer, Richard Dohme, Dan Berc, Yuri Graves, Jason Manzo, Doug Sharp

LEPC MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mike Murphy, Tom Axtell, Phil Klevorick, Glenn Closson, Ronald Fraas, Jacqueline Reszatar, Christopher Kash, Sandy Seda, Stuart Turner, James Olschlager, Todd Lericos, Alex Perez, Ryan Turner, Dave Goss, Mike Wilson, Dave Dahl, Jason Hudson, Fernandez Leary,

I. Call to Order

John Steinbeck, LEPC Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. on Wednesday May 13, 2015

II. Roll Call

Misty Richardson, quorum present

III. Public Comments

- Jeff Smith, Bureau of Reclamation announced that the week of November 2nd they will be exercising the Inland Area Plan for the Lower Colorado River, those interested should contact him after the meeting for more detail.

IV. Comments from the Chair

- The Chair announced that of interest to this group there was a new Hazmat Unit in Henderson that was created through the use of Homeland Security Grant Funding. He then stated that another project which increases the abilities of WebEOC in include Resource Manager and a Mapping ability. The Chair then announced that WebEOC classes are offered on a monthly basis and that those interested should look to register for the next class.

V. Approval of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion, by Richard Brenner: To approve the minutes as recorded.

Seconded, by Carolyn Levering

No discussion, motioned carried.

VI. Approve and Recommend the FY2015 Mid-Cycle Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant for the Henderson Fire Department to purchase Chlorine kits in the amount of \$7,114.75

Richard Brenner provided a synopsis of what the grant intent was regarding preparedness and training. He then explained three different types of chlorine tanks and what the kits are designed by the Chlorine Institute to do as far as containing chlorine leaks in the valving system. He explained the reason why Henderson was buying them and further advised that they were working with the manufacturer and Olin Chemicals who produces most of the chlorine for the west coast. Both SERC and USDOT will have to approve as well, this meeting is the first step in the process for approval.

Motion by, Richard Brenner : **To approve**

Seconded by, Carolyn Levering

No discussion, motioned carried

VII. Update on the activities of the Southern Nevada Healthcare Preparedness Coalition

Nancy Newell reported that the Coalition has substantially grown in the past 2 years with tremendous progress. She opened her report by thanking many of the members of the LEPC for their support of the group. She then advised that the Decon initiative DOE training was completed last week at 3 different sites with over 100 people participating over the course of the three times, that all now have radiological training for health care workers. Relative to the DQE training, she stated that she was waiting for the contract to be signed and will then be planning that training, estimated to take place in June which is a 2 day OSHA certification training for health care workers. Nancy advised that last week she just got back from the Joint Initiative National Conference where she presented the Live Project and the Active Shooter work that they did at Centennial Hills Hospital, it was received warmly, and just yesterday she was asked by the OSHA Director in Washington D.C. asking to work with the Coalition on the initiative for active shooters to develop work place violence program. Active shooter work shop will be held tomorrow on 5/14/15. September, the Coalition will be a part of health department's Operation Rabbit's Foot exercise. She then thanked Chris Sproule for his dedication and support in helping to with their 800 Mhz communications.

VIII. NV Energy Outage Maps

Kim Ferguson, Emergency Manager NV Energy, introduced Renee Tyler who co presented the functions and capabilities of the relatively new NV Energy Outage Maps on their website by narrating through the site and thoroughly explaining what was seen by the LEPC. She detailed the meaning of the map indicators and explained that the site was Real Time Human Analytic and is constantly updating the information in the system every 15 minutes.

IX. A. LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

a. Plans Administration Subcommittee

Richard Brenner advised that they have not met since the last update to the plan. He then reiterated that the update to the hazmat plan must be done yearly. Richard further reported that he and Irene Navis have been working on purchase order to hire a contractor for that update as well as look to developing a radiation response plan. This process will begin in July.

b. Training Subcommittee

Rick LaPorte reported that his office is planning on opening the EOC for the SNHD Full Scale Rabbits Foot exercise. He further advised that CCOEM is planning to support the Airport Triennial exercise in their EOC, although at this time it has not been determined what role will be played.

c. Grants Subcommittee

Karen Taylor reported that the group has not met yet this quarter, other than new grants reported on earlier nothing else to report on. Karen stated that she will be making site visits sure that all grant recipients are in compliance soon and to expect a call from her or Ric LaPorte.

d. Public Information Subcommittee

Craig Nimsgrem, reported that there is no new business, and this was his last meeting. At this time there is no identified replacement for his position.

e. Legislative Subcommittee

Irene Navis reported that recently a legislative tracking document for this session was sent out from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, she advised that this took the place of the one that was being done by her at the local level. She stated that she can still do the sheet if LEPC members find it more helpful but if not she will stop. Irene then reviewed the status of several bills that were relevant to Emergency Management.

f. GIS Subcommittee

Richard Wells, reported that GIS has met a few times since last LEPC meeting. He stated that they are making good process on developing methods to put the power of spatial analysis into the hands of the emergency planner. Subcommittee membership has grown recently, with several new updates to the GI resource list as well. This subcommittee has a standing meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and they typically meet at the City of Las Vegas Emergency Management Center.

g. Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER)

Richard Brenner reported on behalf of the group that they met on March 3rd. They talked about doing training exercise with the new hazmat team as well as discussed using the reverse 911 systems for the BMI Complex for their employees and FD personnel. They also discussed the Henderson Industrial Community Awareness Panel (HICAP) meeting, these are the plant managers that meet and that meeting was postponed to next week. Carlito wanted the North Las Vegas Industrial Coalition involved in CAER he requested contact information from Richard.

h. Community Organizations Active in Disaster

No Report

i. Emergency Management Coordinators Group

No Report

j. Metropolitan Medical Response Update

Chris Sproule stated that they received air monitoring equipment for hazmat, technical rescue, and CBRNE teams in the valley as well as new MCI triage kits. They have been doing a lot of work with hospitals and the coalition to revamp the procedure for the all hospital radio tests. He then explained what this was for and the importance of coordination of triage during a mass casualty incident they received a 100% on first test. Chris advised that MMRS has been able to support the Active Shooter Workshop, he promoted the workshop and encouraged people to attend.

k. Nuclear Waste Division Yucca Mountain Update

Irene Navis reported on behalf of Phil Klevorick, stating that the safety evaluation reports completed for Yucca are now under review and out for public comment. The NRC has also taken up the environmental impact study on water issues at Yucca Mountain which is typically the responsibility of the DOE. However, since the DOE is not currently funded and there was NRC money available they are handling the study. Irene then reported that there is a piece of legislation pending in Congress right now that could impact Clark County and

the cities within. It is basically an update to the Nuclear Waste Policies Act, in this Policy Act there are 10 affected counties that receive oversight funds to do studies and different technical reports to assess impacts to each county. Under the new policy this funding would be restricted to only the host county which will cut funding to all other counties, including Clark. Irene detailed the impact this cut would have and stated that she expects hearing before the end of the year and that the cities and county may want to weigh in on this matter. Irene then stated with respect to low level waste the Department of Energy held meeting last week to be part of the planning team for a table top exercise, if it stays the way we wanted, it will be a robust exercise that will be held sometime in October November. Richard Brenner noted that this is a low level radiation leak for the purpose of the exercise. Caroline Levering then reported that they have been working on plans and training to be better prepared for something happening to such shipments. She stated that while they are low level that low level is higher than we are used to by 1500 times. She stated how they treat us in this scenario is how we can expect to be treated in future follow up scenarios. She reiterated that they want to keep DOE on their toes and for those members of the LEPC that have been part of the activities with DOE and the State on this particular stream of waste, you will be invited either today or tomorrow for a special briefing to Mayor Goodman.

I. State Emergency Response Commission

Richard Brenner reported that the SERC met April 8th this was Karen Pabon's last meeting before her retirement date of May 4th. The group had a good discussion in reference to Executive Order 13650 that basically tells DHS, EPA and the Department of Labor to work with each other. SERC also discussed Fire Shows Reno that will be held October 5th-8th. The grant process will begin in June/July and the area can send up to 30 people, he asked the LEPC to begin identifying people from their respective agencies that may want to go.

m. Satellite Phone Update

Carlito Rayos reported that Dimitri Theodorou from CCSD will take over this workgroup, as he will not be available for an extended period of time. Carlito stated that Dimitri will need to first work on the phone list as you can't reach county phones without local number. The Chair advised that testing the phones is a priority, that there are some restrictions to calling the Sat phones because they are international numbers. He asked the LEPC members to look at their agency phone lists and make sure they were updated.

n. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Report

No report from the EPA provided. Richard Brenner advised that Bill Jones from the EPA prepared a 2 page newsletter for the April SERC meeting and that he had it available for those interested, it discussed the previously mentioned Executive Order. There is also a Searchlight clean-up effort with the SNHD taking place involving old chemicals and equipment from mining operations.

o. ARES/RACES Update

Jim Davis reported that they will exercise our ability to provide emergency communications this weekend on highway 318 (Ely to Hiko) along a 100 mile stretch for the Nevada Open Road challenge. Anyone interested in how they accomplish this please ask. No questions.

X. Public Comment

- Bill Richardson, Nellis Air Force Base, was contacted by Nevada State EPLO office, Colonel Eric Jenkins is interested in coming to Las Vegas in August to provide a briefing to EPLO.
- Steve Kramer, SNHD, informed the group about the Communicator NXT system should be here by Friday and be installed the week thereafter.
- Richard Brenner mentioned the upcoming NV energy exercise, in Primm as well as the Las Vegas Valley Water District table top exercise. Richard then spoke about the Kinder Morgan exercise and Nellis AFB table top.

- Yuri Graves announced the valley wide Emergency Kit Cook Off, to be held on September 10th, 10am to 1pm.
- The Chair announced FEMA Damage Assessment Team training to be held June 24-25, 8:30-5:00 at Fire Station 18.

Next LEPC meeting: Wednesday August 12, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., Clark County Government Center, Pueblo Room, 1st floor, 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89106

XI. Adjournment

Motion, by Richard Brenner: **To adjourn.**

Seconded, by Carlito Rayos

No discussion, motioned carried.

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